

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

December 1, 2011

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:00 pm in the Community Room of the North Haven Memorial Library, 17 Elm Street, North Haven, CT.

Members Present

First Selectman, Michael J. Freda
Second Selectman, Timothy M. Doheny
Third Selectman, Alan J. Sturtz

Mr. Freda introduced himself and Selectman Doheny, and welcomed Alan Sturtz as the newly elected Third Selectman to the meeting.

There were no public comments relative to the agenda

Mr. Freda then stated that in accordance with the provisions of Section 301B of the Town Charter, he motioned to appoint Alan Sturtz as Secretary to the Board for the period 12/1/11 – 11/30/13. The motion was seconded by Mr. Doheny.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Sturtz – yes

Mr. Doheny motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Selectmen's Meeting of November 3, 2011.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Sturtz – abstain

There was no Correspondence.

Mr. Freda proceeded with the Selectman's Overview discussing the following topics:

Public Works Fall Services

- Storm Alfred:

We are continuing to pick up debris, this has been a monumental project covering 10,000 homes with the amount of debris on many of these homes. The goal is to be finished by December 16th. Please do not place brush and debris in roadway.

- 2011 Fall Leaf Collection Program:

Will be continuing until December 16th. Town's website has been updated to provide a schedule of street collections (www.town.north-haven.ct.us).

Leaves may be brown bagged or loose but please do not put them in the roadway

Operational

- Todd Drive:

Phase 2 permitting is moving along nicely for Todd Drive South. We anticipate that the permits will be issued and construction will start by the summer of 2012 to include the installation of additional piping underneath the Wilbur Cross Parkway and under the culvert on Todd Drive South.

- Sidewalks on Skiff Street:

Our Town Engineer has begun preliminary design of the proposed improvement and this project is now scheduled for the spring.

Economic Development

- Update:
 - Yale New Haven Hospital

- Medical Center on Devine Street
- Hibachi Grill
- Buffalo Wild Wings

Mr. Freda explained that there were two resolutions on the agenda that came about through the South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG). He stated that since the posting of the agenda, he has received correspondence from SCRCOG requesting that the resolutions be put on hold since the date has been pushed out until February. They would like to develop the resolutions further. The following resolutions were tabled following a motion by Mr. Freda.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Sturtz – yes

Resolution A:

RESOLUTION THAT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN ADOPT A RESOLUTION ENDORSING A PROPOSAL TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (SCRCOG) FOR A REGIONAL PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE GRANT PURSUANT TO SECTION 5 OF PUBLIC ACT 11-61 (AN ACT CONCERNING RESPONSIBLE GROWTH). THE SCRCOG PROPOSAL IS FOR AN INTER-MUNICIPAL SHARED-SERVICES FEASIBILITY STUDY.

Resolution B:

RESOLUTION THAT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN ADOPT A RESOLUTION ENDORSING A PROPOSAL TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (SCRCOG) FOR A REGIONAL PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE GRANT PURSUANT TO SECTION 5 OF PUBLIC ACT 11-61 (AN ACT CONCERNING RESPONSIBLE GROWTH). THE SCRCOG PROPOSAL IS FOR A REGIONAL WEB-BASED GIS PROGRAM.

Mr. Freda explained our relationship with the CRRA, stating that five towns, North Haven, Hamden, Wallingford, Cheshire, and Meriden all used CRRA as a repository for waste. We are now part of Covanta and we pay a tipping fee of approximately \$61.20 per ton. Part of the agreement that all towns must abide by is to establish a \$2 million reserve fund for maintenance of the plant in event that anything goes wrong. North Haven has about 14.3% of the waste that goes there. The remaining is spread out over the other four towns. So North Haven has to put aside 14.3% of the \$2 million. We have the money because he and Ed Swinkoski anticipating that this day would come have set aside the funds. There is now a Wallingford Project Solid Waste participating Town's Reserve Fund Agreement that we are being asked to sign. Mr. Freda explained that part of this agreement also requires an amended agreement be voted on. He is not calling a vote on that amended agreement tonight because as he explained to Covanta and the management board, until he can determine the amount of the tipping fee, he will not vote. He is not comfortable voting on a red lined agreement and will present the agreement at the February meeting.

Mr. Doheny motioned to accept the agreement.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Sturtz – yes

Mr. Freda stated that with regard to the bonding package and the call for the meeting, they will read through the items and Mr. Glen Rybacki, bond counsel, is present and available for questions. Mr. Doheny read the Call for a Special Town Meeting as follows: that the First Selectman be authorized and directed to call a Special Town Meeting to be held at North Haven

High School, on Wednesday, January 11, 2012, at 7:00 P.M. (E.S.T.), for the following purposes (A) to consider : (i) the resolution entitled “Resolution Appropriating \$9,230,000 For The Planning And Construction Of Renovations And Additions To Four Firehouses And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$9,230,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose”, (ii) the resolution entitled “Resolution Appropriating \$4,060,000 For The Milling And Paving Of Approximately Twenty Miles Of Town Roadways And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$4,060,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose”, (iii) the resolution entitled “Resolution Appropriating \$710,000 For The Design And Construction Of A Public Works Garage And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$710,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose” and consider and act upon, (iv) a resolution to adopt a superseding North Haven Open Burning Ordinance, (v) a resolution to establish a Blight Prevention Appeals Board consisting of three (3) members, and (vi) to adopt a superseding Building Permit Fee Schedule; (B) to submit said resolutions (i), (ii), and (iii) to a machine vote at an Adjourned Town Meeting to take place on Tuesday, January 24, 2012, at the hours to be determined by the Town Meeting in accordance with the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, (C) the Notice of said Adjourned Town Meeting and Machine Vote state the questions to be voted on upon as follows:

1. “Shall the resolution entitled ‘Resolution Appropriating \$9,230,000 For The Planning And Construction Of Renovations And Additions To Four Firehouses And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$9,230,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose’ as introduced at a Special Town Meeting held January 11, 2012, be approved?”

The ballot label for said question shall read as follows:

“Shall the appropriation and bond authorization of \$9,230,000 for the planning and construction of renovations and additions to four firehouses, be approved? YES/NO”

There being no questions from the public, Mr. Sturtz read the following:

2. “Shall the resolution entitled ‘Resolution Appropriating \$4,060,000 For The Milling And Paving Of Approximately Twenty Miles Of Town Roadways And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$4,060,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose’ as introduced at a Special Town Meeting held January 11, 2012, be approved?”

The ballot label for said question shall read as follows:

“Shall the appropriation and bond authorization of \$4,060,000 for the milling and paving of approximately twenty miles of Town roadways, be approved? YES/NO”

There being no questions from the public, Mr. Doheny read the following:

3. “Shall the resolution entitled ‘Resolution Appropriating \$710,000 For The Design And Construction Of A Public Works Garage And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$710,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose’ as introduced at a Special Town Meeting held January 11, 2012, be approved?”

The ballot label for said question shall read as follows:

“Shall the appropriation and bond authorization of \$710,000 for the design and construction of a public works garage, be approved? YES/NO”

Mr. Katz asked if the projects come in at a lower dollar amount do we have to take the full amount of the bond. Mr. Freda stated that the cost cannot exceed the amount of the bond, but if it comes in lower we do not have to bond for the full amount. Mr. Rybacki explained that if you have already gone out to bond, you should retire bonds or commit that money to debt service. Mr. Testa asked if for example the project comes in a million dollars less, what happens to the extra million. Mr. Rybacki explained that money to pay the bond back. Mr. Testa asked if it could be used for anything else, Mr. Rybacki stated no. Mr. Doheny reminded that these projects will be phased in and the bonds will probably be taken in series of several and borrowed as needed. A resident asked a question about the public works garage and Ms. Sadosky explained the situation with the expiring lease and the rationale behind the new garage.

Mr. Sturtz continued with the call:

The voting will be by optical scan voting machine. Those in favor of the resolution referred to in the question shall fill in the oval under the word “YES” under such question. Those not in favor of the resolution referred to in the question shall fill in the oval under the word “NO” under such question. Absentee ballots will be available at the office of the Town Clerk as provided by law.

The warning of the Adjourned Town Meeting and Machine Vote shall state that the full text of the resolutions are on file open to public inspection at the office of the Town Clerk.

and (D) that the First Selectman be directed to cause a proper notice of the Special Town Meeting to be published as a paid advertisement in a newspaper having circulation in the Town, and that said notice be posted in the office of the Town Clerk.

Mr. Sturtz motioned to accept the call for the town meeting. Mr. Doheny seconded the motion.

Mr. Freda explained that there are several boards and commissions with expiring terms in December. Because of the ambitious agenda for tonight’s meeting, he would like to hold a special Board of Selectmen’s meeting for the purpose of handling resignations and appointments. Mr. Doheny and Sturtz agreed to hold the meeting on December 29th at 6:00 pm.

Mr. Doheny provided a brief overview of the following bond releases:

- 381-385 State Street, National Associated Properties, release the entire bond balance of \$45,000.00 with the recommendation of Planning and Zoning Commission.
- 79 Washington Avenue, Ciruzzi North Haven, LLC, release the entire bond balance of \$25,000.00 with the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- 355 Washington Avenue, CBS Outdoor, Inc. release the entire bond balance of \$2,500.00 with the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- 191-209 North Hill Road, Founders Preserve Hitching Post, LLC release \$150,000.000 of the \$300,000.000 bond balance with the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mr. Doheny motioned to approve the bond releases as presented.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Sturtz – yes

Mr. Doheny motioned, seconded by Mr. Sturtz to approve the Property Tax Refunds as presented.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Sturtz – yes

- ARI Fleet, 9000 Midlantic Drive, Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054-1539, in the amount of \$250.80
- Carboni, Cynthia, 95 Chapel Hill Road, North Haven, CT in the amount of \$36.87
- DCFS Trust, 2050 Roanoke Road, West Lake, TX 76262 in the amount of \$341.94, and in the amount of \$203.62, and in the amount of \$169.75
- Field, Pamela, 1150 Ridge Road, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$31.31
- Financial Ser Veh Trust, 5550 Britton Pkwy, Hilliard, OH 43026 in the amount of \$47.15
- Honda Lease Trust 600 Kelly Way, Holoyoke, MA 01040-9681 in the amount of \$329.89, and in the amount of \$218.82, and in the amount of \$84.85
- Nissan Infiniti LT, PO Box 650214, Dallas, TX 75265-0124 in the amount of \$300.96
- Ryder Truck Rental Inc, 99 Murphy Road, Hartford, CT 06114-2104 in the amount of \$452.32, and in the amount of \$2,069.32
- VW Credit leasing Ltd., 1401 Franklin Blvd, Libertyville, IL 60048, in the amount of \$185.33, and in the amount of \$332.09
- Widdows, Louisa 20 Mouthrop St, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$69.93

Next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for January 10, 2012, at 7:00 pm, in the Community Room of the North Haven Library, 17 Elm Street, North Haven, CT.

Mr. Freda asked for public comment, and hearing none and seeing none, Mr. Doheny motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Sturtz seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Voted: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Sturtz – yes